

Perry Ferry, Korea
March 9. 1808.

My Dear Jennie:

Your letter of Feb. 17

was received yesterday
morning while I was at
Sabbath-school. I had mailed
a letter on Fri. but I will
write a short letter again
this morning. How glad I was
to hear from you and that you
are so much better. I feel
sure if you take care of your-
self you will get well and
strong, but thankful we are.
Surely it was the leading
of the Lord when you went
to Miss. - your paper teacher
He must have some work for
you to do yet, and I think
He will permit you to see

and rejoice over the conversion
of your husband. We do not
cease to pray for him every
day and we have faith that
our prayers will be heard.
The obituary he wrote of
Lelia was beautiful. I
wondered who wrote it. I
thought they be "Jimmie's
best come here & do it."
I could not think of anyone
else, thinking of course you
was in Washington. It was
so beautiful and so timely
and loving. It must have
helped a little to lessen
the bitter sting for Russell
and Etta to read it.

What a dear sweet little-
child she must have been
in childhood the picture
which Etta had sent us

and she does look as fine
 and spotted in the pretty
 white cloths which she had
 on when her picture was
 taken. All of Etta's children are
 so sweet and pretty. I just
 longed to see them. Tell
 Mary talk about them. They
 say Robert & Alice have gone
 to be with Jesus & we can't
 see them now."

My heart aches for Etta. I can
 only pray for her that God
 will heal her broken heart.
 I have written her and I
 must write again.

What a beautiful letter Mary
 wrote you. I was so glad to get
 it. It was kind of you to copy
 it. She must be very fond of
 Etta's children and I wish to be
 near Etta. Where does she live?

The job of ⁴ Leticia benignus thing
to her house. Does she still
work in Will's of Fine? What
has become of her sister Della?

I see that Homer has returned
from the West. His tide is
not expected to be. I wonder
much what became of
Homer's children - Jay, Vane &
Beulah. How good for Homer
to have left this way.

I am so glad Etta has the baby
for her arms would be so
empty - it would be still harder
for her if she did not have the
sweet little Janelli - b.

Certainly it will be a great
comfort. I just now telegraphed
to Dr. Follen to get a
formula for feeding babies
I am quite to send it to Etta
It will be so - feed her baby

This summer she could not
 get any thing better to go by.
 Wish you could see some of
 the babies which have been
 fed by it. They do so well,
 and are so beautiful.

Mrs. Follwell just "Planned" me
 that a new baby just arrived
 at the Chitche's this morning
 they belong to the M. E. Mission
 and being here until their
 station at Hai ju is opened.
 This week the Methodists
 are having their annual
 meeting at Seoul. Bishop
 Harkis is going to Annam
 for the General Conference
 this spring and Mr. & Mrs. Morris
 are going for their first
 furlough. Wish you could meet
 them. Mr. & Mrs. Morris' parents live

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in Topeka, Kansas & Mr. Kinn
ford. live in Ireland.

We become very much attached
to each other - out here we seem
now like brothers & sisters, our
children call a great many
of the Missions Aunt &
Uncle. I have just finished
hearing the U.S. History class
The big del. children in school
come here three times a week
& I love them, I enjoy it
much. We have just done
the Revolutionary Period, while
reviewing other of us. We are
planning to enlarge the school
build buildings and have an
English boarding school here
for the English children of
Korea. We are asking the M.E.
Foreign Mission Board &
the Presbyterian Board to

Grant us Salaries for two
teachers, and permission to
raise ten thousand Gold
for buildings and ten
thousand Gold for an
endowment fund. We hope to
have a school here so we can
keep the children until they
are through the high school
ready for the College course.
The parents of the children
are very enthusiastic
over it. It means so much
to us and to our children
if we can keep them with
us for four years longer.
We have sent to Shanghai
to get a second hand
Singer and I trust our
children can take lesson
right away.

Well! I included some

a short letter but here it
has gone to his length:
you will certainly tire of
reading so much.

I wanted to assure you
that you all have our
love and tenderest
sympathy in this
great bereavement.

Our children are all over
as well since they had
measles. Mary is getting
as fat and stout.

Gertrude is forever over
the malaria but it is
hard to tell. She is so
well & growing fast.

Will be out for a few days
help among the Orphans.
Lots of love
Dallie

Pyeong yang, Korea
March 6. 1808

My Dear Sister: Jennie:

I was glad to see
in one of Mr. Labit's Indepen-
-dents that you were so much
better & would soon be able to
come home. I think there is
where you are now and are
growing stronger day by day.
I am so thankful that you
are better and do not
forget you not for one day.
I do wish you could find time
to write home if it is only for
a short letter. I really
get hungry to hear
and it does seem so long
to wait. Yesterday my heart
was saddened by the news
of Celia's death: I had

waited for every Independent
and hoped and wished that
she might be spared.

Russell's Eliza has certainly
had their cup of grief
in her loss of the little
one. Certainly heaven will
be nearer and dearer to
them and they will live
very close to their Master.

It always gives me a thrill
when I feel or hear of any
one having been convicted
I suffered his misdeed & came
where going with it myself
that I always dread when
it ever spoken of.

Yesterday we received the
Weekly Quarterly, giving
an account of the death of
one of Will's class mates a
Professor in Natl. who had

I am in ³ - last June
went off - ~~concernment~~.
He has a wife & four small
children.

I am so anxious these few
addie these days. I will
write again to them and
maybe she will write me.
I thought maybe when
they all received our
papers they would write
them but no - yet I
have not heard from any
one but you. I am
finding it fruitless
my work is done I never
fail to do their extra things
done so many times
that my eyes is very
sore & I have to stop
one but write you it +
write & send as I have

today. 4 This week
I have been having a
class for the women &
my children especially for
those who can not read
& for those just beginning.
I did not think they self
but attracted and managed
it. This evening was the
last meeting. While they
were sitting I must
not to visit the boys day
school when I met back
in I found women praying
and crying and all that
from class to class until
a number of women were
crying and praying
at the same time.
My heart was filled with
trunking that would
move of all women's hearts.

had been touched and the
 these had not been in Paris.
 They will meet for a
 meeting this evening & it
 will be the church.

One of the children in town
 from Mr. B. B. Smith's
 charge will give them
 a talk on the care of
 children. She has had long
 talks several times & they
 are trying to raise the
 babies with more care and
 so she can speak from
 experience. I don't get
 but I am thinking of
 preparing a few business
 articles for the next party
 & give them to every
 other party that comes to
 our church people.

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I believe it would help
to get the use of dishes
and some washing thing
in use among these
women who raise their
children in such a
careless way. Why can
I not buy you with the
kind of things but you
are more interested in
them - mothers and babies
are more. This is a
dark & stormy day
"might be - make me hear
that "bless". I cannot
thema but I feel how
I will have to take a
round of Quinine again
which I do just above
one is given for malaria
which the air is just

full of. Did our child
 tell you that one of our
 gods was bit by a real
 dog. + we had it shot. just
 a Husky + the rest of us
 acting strange, would not
 eat + kept getting more +
 more furious +
 finally will shot it

The Norwegians all said it
 was mad. no doubt the
 same boy who bit the
 goat out of it too. Just
 as soon as he found
 slain I am getting a
 hen over gods + frames
 fixed up + we dogs can
 come it

Dr. Fellwell's little boy
 was bitten by this fat
 dog which has no doubt

had by diphtheria They
 kept him to Seoul & cure
 him with treatment
 which is used. Dr. Pison
 has found how to make
 it - keeps the rabbits.
 I don't it a great thing
 Kelly - Mary are invited
 to Louis Blain's birthday
 party - it is time to
 get ready so I must
 close for this time &
 get them ready.
 With lots of love from
 us all
 your sister Dottie.

Pyeong Yang, Korea.

June 2, 1808.

My dear Jennie:

Your letter of April 28 received was so glad to hear from you I think of you a lot of the time and I do hope you will get well and strong. I know it is so hard to be careful all the time but I do hope you will learn to run your strength and not go beyond it not for a little. How nice it is that you can't will. Well. We certainly are glad what it all is, is doing with people what a kind straight forward honest man can do. We rejoice in his success and continue to pray for him all the time and that his very business to be very successful but about all that he may learn to love his Lord and to do His Will.

We read & read with much interest all that we see about him this month. Both is very good and especially in our business. He is helping a great many I see than his friends

increased. He is touching the little
spot in a lot of heads + can't help but
win the people by his straightfulness
and kindness + by doing the right.

There will be little doubt that he must be
re-elected. You will get to spend a lot of time
in Washington + what a good time you
must have, but it will be nice to get home
again I am sure. Hey! but I wish I could
come + spend a little while with you. How
difficult our lives are, mine, it seems
to me is all I rush, I can't seem to
leave the burden of a simple surrender
and take things easy + as they
come, but as I'll say "Every thing
must be done and according to my
nature". I am reading a book entitled

"The Old Man" by Barrardine. one of the
chapters seems to fit me exactly and I
am thinking it is going to do me a lot of
good. It seems to me it would be hard
there on earth if we could only live the
perfect, surrendered life. The life hid
with Christ in God.

I feel so sorry I can't do a more man-
bless and not million to you. I thought
I'll. from May 1. to the 10: had no

man servant during his month. I
 had in-babies, bedrest & so many things
 to see after that I just have had to
 "rush" which makes me so tired. I
 have a few hours a week during the
 my meals & still have the children in
 hissing and Quilla & Wilbur three times
 a week in Latin. During their vacation
 I must have their things a little each
 day. They like to read so much and I am
 getting a course in English History for
 them to read during the summer.

How many good books they do have
 these days at home. Gertrude has so
 read & she does a lot of it. She is so
 happy over her music, days, just the
 part of music little exercises, are so
 beautiful. Our piano is on the way by
 this time. Mr. Hulbok & Dr. Fillet of
 Shanghai selected it for us & say it is
 a good instrument. Second hand but
 better than the ~~first~~ one was at the
 same price. It will cost us in
 Shanghai 330 yu or \$108.00 gold.
 Our organ will let us South Gate
 Church have it. I am pefering &
 wishing the new rooms will built

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last fall. They will look + be fine when
they are in flower. They are to be your
posies when you + Will come to
make us a visit. Will said in one of his
letters that he hoped to visit the East some
time. We have a great many guests coming
to Pung yang during the year. Tomorrow
evening Mr. Gault + his wife + his daughter
are dining. The Gaults + Prober, manufacturers
of Irony hoops. The children suggested that we
make a Centrifugal force potter out of a
pyramid of Irony hoops, we can buy it here
at a Japanese store. We have Chinese + Japanese
stores here now where we can buy nearly every
thing we need. And in time we will not need
to sail to America for things.

Dr. Mrs. Baird and his children William + Richard
left this morning for their second furlough.
They will be in Osaka, Kanso. They left their
children in the school at Chyoo.
Mrs. Baird expects to return in Dec. + be
here for the winter vacation. It really seemed
like a winter leaving. I shall miss her so
much, Miss Swank one of our single ladies
will leave in two weeks for her first
furlough. I shall miss her too for her
help, but we in the South. Edith + Beth.

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School. The children's school will close
June 12th and we are planning to go
over up river vacation about the
middle of July when we will have a good
quiet rest for one month. And then we
will have our annual meeting here
beginning Aug 24. Nearly all over
Cincinnati are going up the river and we
are thinking of having the Bible Conference
for a week while we are up the river in
the mountains. I wonder how you and Will
would enjoy an outing like that? We go up
our lovely rapids in the mountains where
we have the Cool Mountain air and it
is so refreshing + restful. Last week
Will, Ollie + I left with a party for
here went out about 55 miles to
Care, which in size + beauty is equal
to the Mammoth. Can they say. The
children are writing the trip up and I
tell them they should send it to you
and if you think it is worth it + the teacher
of the Sunday school would enjoy reading
it you can have it put in. With a page
he has our brush. Paper + ink near
through yet. I wish you + you will like
reading. I'll try to do better about writing. I
love you all strange as the days go by.

Pyongyang, Korea
July 7. 1908.

My Dear Sister Jennie:

I fear I haven't written for
a month. I had sent a letter June 2. &
I think that is the last. I am sorry I can not
reply just, your good letter of June 3. Came
this evening. How glad I am to hear from you
and that you are getting stronger. I fear
you will work which will be so easy to do
if you are not very careful. I trust you will
carry out your resolution & not take up any
extra work, and try to take the best care
of your self. - I received your card sent on May 24.
I know you were home. How pleasant it is to
meet old friends. I did not know Fred was
president of the College Antioch College where
is it? Prof. Doan is teaching at Oxford, O.
that is a Presbyterian College is it not?
that seems strange but his family are so
well known. That makes me glad you could attend
the General Conference. Bishop Harri went
home is attend it & Mr. Jones went home to
raise a lot of money. Wish you had met me June

He is one year - 2. whole rounded men a
good midwifery. I am telling Bill Wright
that when we go to Ansonia, I am going to
Perry County & visit all the relatives. How
you must enjoy meeting them.

I can't realize the summer is so near your
time passes so rapidly. It is almost time for
our summer vacation up the river. The
boat comes next week, July 15. Will,
Shirk; Wilbur & Pauline will go up for a
foot or more, then come back & the table
and I will go for about three weeks.

The Annual Meeting begins Aug. 27. I am
not sure to be here early to get the business
ready for guests. I have had quite
a good deal done during the Spring &
Summer - we will have only the Annual
Meeting not any of the Councils this year
so it won't last long. My family has been
so neglected that it has suffered up & I
am now trying to get ready for it.

I have fruit of some fruit, jelly & jam
has a lot of good fruit but I have
ready to do up, will have as much as I
a few plums, fair crop of Apples & Peaches

On the River

July, 29, 1908.

Dear Aunt Jennie:

We are up the River and enjoying our selves thoroughly.

I only wish you and Uncle Will were here to enjoy it with us.

Olivette told about us going up Misty Mountain yesterday so I will not repeat it.

We are having just a fine time. Mamma is learning how to swim and can swim quite a little.

I am having lots of fun learning to get into the water easily. The other day I got into our swimming pool with two other boys and we were able to get into the water backwards and every other way you could think of.

Travelling from your little

brother,

Dear Aunt Jennie. —

We are now on the
opposite shore of a cove, since
when the water was high the
rocks smashed against the rocks
near it, it did not hurt anything
but made them all fall on the
floor. The Britchet's have not
come and jounded us, and Mr. Ed
had just taken a picture
of all our boats with the camera
too but he does not know
for certain whether his boat
is in or not because it is so
far back. Mary and Esther
are doing finely in their P. E.
C., Mary knows every one and
Esther almost. I can swim but
not as well as Cluette a Willow

From your hotel girl
Esther & P. Swallow

(30 miles from P'ing yang up in
the mountains)

Kang Lin, Kora

July 28. 1918.

My Dear Friend:

We came out on the river
July 22. Tom has been out just one
week today and will brook his work
& his days more & all goes well.
Will, Shultz; Hilbert & Gertrude
came out on Sat July 18. Came
home on Tuesday for us. It began
raining on Sunday evening & rained
all night & all day Monday without
stopping. Had a good quiet time
write letters all day Monday &
mailed some money my reports.
Took all my letters answered all
the Sunday done had planned
baked and got ready to come out
on Wednesday. I was so tired it
took me several days to get
rested. But since coming out here
I have done nothing but rest & be lazy

so I am feeling fine. There are
nine house boats on the river
and three families built Shakers
up on an elevation up the river
his days travel by boat from P. Y.
So you see the house boat outing on
the river is very popular.

Mr. M^c. Murtrie who came out last
fall to take charge of the industrial
department in the College & Academy
said he had been to many summer
resorts in the U.S. but he had
not found any equal to this.
His ideal in many ways. We
have the most beautiful scenery
any day & changing all the
time as our boat moves up
the river. Sandy beaches
all along the way, so we can
anchor our boat at a fine beach
and have a swim, come in till
the men to swim as & on our

house goes another track.
We need no mosquito nets
and it is quite unusual that
we can sleep with out a blanket.
Our children are learning to swim
quite well. If you could see Wilbur
dive + cut tracks in the water
you would think so. I really am
learning to swim a little, as soon as
I get over being afraid I can get a
little more confidence I think I
can swim, well! it is a big jump
any way. Sunday eight boats
were anchored at one beach
two hauled by all - until yesterday
morning, three fell back. so five
are trailing by all - now we
have just now reached King Lee
which is as far as we will go.
Things are the same. From this on the
river is little & boats are small
and will not go any farther.

we will stay up here for the - his weeks
and then go home to - sweat + work to -
get ready for the Annual meeting.
but I am not going to let the - stringer -
of that spoil my good time out here.
we read sleep + swim + in the
evening after supper we have a
concert. Dr. Follen brought his
graphophone out and entertains
the crowd. Think of it away up in
the mountains. We hear all kinds
of solos, band music, sacred songs
comic songs, whistling songs
dialogues etc. It is fine, the
graphophone is an excellent one
+ we do enjoy it. I shut my eyes
and try to imagine the quartet
or solo singer in front of us.
we read a great deal. The children
are allowed to read stories to their
parents to entertain. Olive is very fond
of Kate Douglas Wiggin's books
+ has read several. Deborah is reading
the "Puffer" books by Mary + Sidney

Have read Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther +
we have reading pt. and also
Ladd's book "With Marquis
Fitz in Korea" have you read it
yet. He is so partial to the
Government to tell every thing
just straight.

Yesterday Morning O'Neill + Wilbur
went with a party back to "Misery-
Point." It is their trail how to
go up - we have used a trail to come
down. The Mountain is the highest
in north Korea and is estimated to
be three thousand feet high.
They said the view was grand. I will
let the children tell you about it.
About the time we thought they would
come down we took our boat back
upstream of the gorge which we
thought they would come down +
waited for them, but got cold water
from a Spring + I had tea + tobacco

fourth Crowd. They were dirty-
hot & looked a frightful lot
but we made them all so
comfortable they were soon
refreshed so we returned to the
stopping place & had dinner.
Am sure you would be amazed to see
us in our outing attire. I dress like
the young in rompers & the rest of
us wear our old duds & go bare
foot if we prefer wear Kimono
& dressing gowns. It is time to
relax & do just as I please.
We get fresh vegetables about once a
week but we will take our own bread
here in the boat & soon as the supply
runs out. I wonder if you would
enjoy this way of camping out. Am
sure it would do you good too.
I must close & let the children
write. With love to all,
Sallie.

My dear Aunt Jennie:

We are having the finest time! We have been on the river for about two weeks and have two more left.

We have had some fine bathing.

Yesterday we climbed a big mountain. Wilbur and I were the only ones from our family but there were nine in the party. The gentlemen estimated that it was about 2000 feet. I don't know for sure who named it but it is called Misty Mountain and in the morning as we were climbing up the top was in a cloud but it was gone before we got up. I did not feel tired yesterday but I do today. We started at 7.30 and it took three

hours to go up and an hour &
a half to come down. The
view is just magnificent. I never
knew that Korea was so
mountainous. We are all
so well and having such
a good time. Mamma is
learning to swim finely.
She can float some too.
We children have great
fun diving. I hope you
are all well.

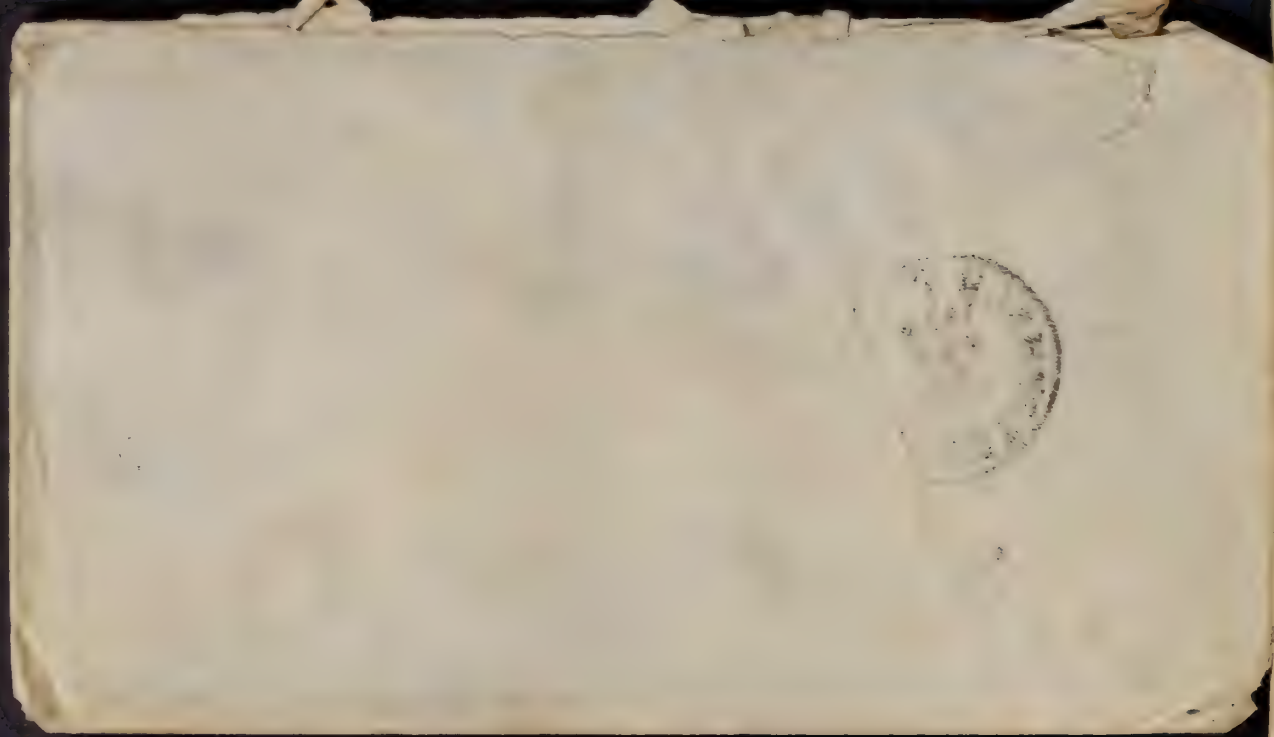
I suppose that Mamma
has told you all the news.
With much love to both
of you
Olivette.

RETURN TO
REV. W. L. SWALLEN,
PYENG YANG, KOREA.



Jan 1892

Mrs. Jennie B. Ashbrook,
Johnstown
Ohio
U. S. A.



Pyeong Yang, Korea.
Sep. 2. 1908.

My Dear Sister:

Many thanks for the Post
Card of your beautiful home. It looks
like it was a nice cool place to spend
the summer. How beautiful the garden
looks with the vines and plants.

I think we were over! Home boat,
the last time I wrote. We came home
Aug. 17 and it was a relief to get
things ready for the General
meeting which began Aug. 21.

Our guests began coming the 20th.
Had some bad one baby. The
meeting closed yesterday at noon
and all of the South Sea guests left
on the afternoon train. Will &
Mr. Lamps left today & Mr. & Mrs.
W. Furland & F. K. Luns in
the morning. The General
Conference, that is of all missions

Miss ...

Miss ...

Miss ...

in Korea begins tomorrow in Seoul, Sunday
the Presbyterial meeting begins in Seoul
so as soon as we close our books begins. We
did have such lovely guests and the meetings
were all so harmonious. Our mission is bringing
men & women to seem like one big family. A new station
in the far north at Kang Kai is to be opened.
H. E. & Mrs. Blair, Dr. & Mrs. Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes
are to go there, the last two are now just out this
fall. It is to be a musical station, or rather
those going play & sing well. They will take but
pianos. Herbert Blair sings fine so does Mrs. Rhodes.
Mrs. Blair plays well. Dr. & Mrs. Mills have not
arrived but they are fine looking people.
My friends were Annie & Jessie Heron. Dr. Gale's
daughters. I think I told you that Mrs. Gale died

last week. Annie is 22 & Jessie 20 yrs. Annie
is a missionary appointed by the Board. She is
in the school in Seoul. Dr. & Mrs. Purviance came
last spring and were at Chongju in the new
district of Seoul. Mrs. Purviance is a fine
musician and has to play & sing & had so
many beautiful Sacred Songs. Mr. & Mrs. McFadden
& baby Ruth by Tai Ke and Mr. Lampe,
Mr. Lampe is a new missionary and is appointed
to Seoul to study & then with Mr. Wilson to
open a new station in the County Seoul at
Wongju. There were my guests & they were all so
well we did enjoy their stay so much.
I was so glad for Annie & Mrs. Purviance's stay
& their music, for it can't help but be an inspiration
to our children.

Thursday morning - Mr. Mrs. M. F. & Ruth left this
morning for all the goods are gone and a lot of work
has the packing & moving done and the house
straightened up. The 12th the special class begins & I
have some lessons to get ready - Monday the foreign
school begins & I suppose I must help in that.
I shall be glad when we get another letter, for I don't
feel I can do for the child - what I ought
to say before yesterday I received such a nice long letter
from Rebecca Partridge and the "Ten" letter - which we
have kept up for fifteen years. It does us much
a lot of good to hear from each other. Miss Williams
has been added to our list, she is to return to
Kona this Christmas. I must close as my ink is
getting full. I do hope you are still strong & quick
yourself again. you must be careful you can't afford
to ever do again. I do think of you a lot & get some
love of ~~me~~ some times. In all love
your sister - Sallie

July 1877



Mrs. Jennie B. Cash
Johnstown,
Ohio
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RETURN TO
REV. W. L. SWALLEN,
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